

## National Careers Week

6th—10th March was National Careers Week and to mark the event the MJC organised and ran a variety of visits and talks. All Key Stage 3 students were invited to take part in a diverse and interesting programme of talks across the week. They heard from the Aldingbourne Trust who spoke to them about supported employment and how it can help them in the future. A student led production line was set up by Katharine from Ridgeview to demonstrate the process from grape to wine and the various jobs at each stage. She was accompanied by Toby who also works at Ridgeview and is proudly autistic. He spoke to the students about how he has learnt to embrace his disability, overcome challenges in his life and found his place in the world of work. Those students who enjoy sports had the opportunity to hear from Kieran from Albion in the Community. He

gave an inspirational and thought provoking talk and shared his passion behind his 'never give up' approach to life. The final session of the week was from Sean who brought along

Elliot, an ex-student to talk about the different careers in IT.





During Careers Week each class in KS4 took part in a work place visit. 4CR went to Flowserve in Haywards Heath and carried out an STEM activity and had a tour of the factory. 4AA went to



Focus Group Telecommunications Company to find out more about the company and see the different jobs available. 4LN visited Consort Frozen Foods in Burgess Hill and had a great time trying their hand at picking and packing an order and feeling just how cold the freezer was! Unfortunately due to the power cut on Thursday KS5 were unable to enjoy a visit from a number of Alumni and 4DS had to cancel their work



place visit to Wakehurst— however both activities are currently being rescheduled! On Friday a few students from 4LN took part in a floristry session run by Karen from Blossom and Bee. The students created some wonderful wreaths!



This year we also decided to offer parents and carers the opportunity to take their young person into work with them, or a close friend/ family member, for a work observation day. Thank you to all those parents that were able to support this initiative. We had a number of students attend local schools and colleges, helping out in the classrooms, we had a student experiencing the different roles and jobs in a local garden center, a young person helping out at a stables, another spending time in a double glazing warehouse and one student saw and tried his hand a different roles in a company that specializes in wellness and health products.



## Parent Pledge

### SHARE YOUR CAREER STORY!

*You can make a difference to a young person's future*

Whatever career path you have taken you can inspire, educate and encourage young people with SEND by sharing the knowledge and experiences you have gained along the way.

- ♦ Did you know that parents and carers are the *biggest* influencers on young people's future aspirations?
- ♦ Did you know that conversations about careers can have a positive impact on motivation and attitude to success?
- ♦ Did you know by sharing stories about your career and life path you can make a positive impact on the lives of young people with SEND?

We are preparing students for a successful transition from school and college and we would like your help! Our student's can't be what they can't see! There are lots of ways you can get involved please contact Alex or Diane at the Meed's Job Club for more information about how to get involved.  
Email: [careers@woodlandsmeed.co.uk](mailto:careers@woodlandsmeed.co.uk)  
Phone: 01444 244133 ext: 3028



### The Meed's Job Club Alumni Support

The MJC has been created to support Woodlands Meed students to build unique pathways to the future including paid/voluntary employment and training.

We are also committed to supporting individuals after they have left Woodlands Meed up to the age of 25. We can help with:

- ♦ Completing a Vocational Profile
- ♦ Writing a CV/Job application
- ♦ Interview skills
- ♦ Job searching
- ♦ Signposting/introductions to careers & support services



If you would like to find out more please get in touch with the team. Priority will be given to those not in education, employment or training.



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# ASK Newsletter



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Parents' and Carers' Pack - the most recent edition of the Parents' & Carers' Pack is now available [here](#), packed full of interesting articles about T Levels, traineeships, apprenticeships and how to search for them. **It also explore Supported Internships & hear from apprentices about their roles.**

*Are you a parent? Would you like to play a role in developing our careers programme? If so we are looking for new members for the MJC steering group!*

Please email

[careers@woodlandsmeed.co.uk](mailto:careers@woodlandsmeed.co.uk) for more information

## National Careers Service

The National careers Service provides information, advice and guidance to help you make decisions on learning, training and work. For more info click [here](#).

## Amazing Apprenticeships and ASK Programme

The Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge Programme for schools and colleges programme (ASK) is a free service to support apprenticeship IAG. For more info click [here](#).

## Find an Apprenticeship

This link enables you to search for the latest Apprenticeship vacancies by sector and level in your local area. For more info click [here](#).

## Access to Work

Access to Work (AtW) is a publicly funded employment

support programme that aims to help more disabled people start or stay in work. It can provide practical and financial support for people who have a disability or long term physical or mental health condition. For

more info click [here](#).

## Work Aid

The Work Aid scheme aims to match adults with learning disabilities and/or autism with suitable work placements and includes help for employers to get the most from their valuable and productive new employee. For more info click [here](#).

## Traineeships

A traineeship is an education and training programme which incorporates work experience, preparing young people for their future careers by helping them to become 'work ready'. Designed for people aged 16 to 24 who don't yet have the appropriate skills or experience, traineeships provide the essential work preparation training, English, maths and work experience needed to secure an apprenticeship or employment. For more info click [here](#).



Chichester College Group includes:

- Chichester College
- Crawley College
- Brighton MET
- Brinsbury
- Haywards Heath College
- Worthing
- Northbrook College

For information about any of the above colleges, including open days and courses please visit the [Chichester College Group Website](#).



## A Pathway to Payday! Traineeships

**If you are 16-24 and not yet found your way into a job you love, this is for you!**

Through our flexible Traineeship programme, at **ZERO COST to you**, we will -

- Help you build a winning CV.
- Upskill your qualifications.
- Increase your confidence.
- Match you to a work placement that suits your skills, interests and career plans.
- Help you to progress into your next training or employment position.

**PLUS** we can offer financial support towards your travel, childcare and lunch while with us!



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Are you aged 16-18 and not currently in education, employment or training?

Would you like to gain accredited qualifications, essential skills and a work placement with a guaranteed interview?

The programme consists of:

- Work ready skills training (CV writing, interview skills & dealing with your first day at work)
- Maths, English & Digital Skills training to improve your speaking, writing skills, maths skills and digital knowledge
- A real, on the job work placement in your chosen industry

On successful completion of the programme, receive a £50 voucher or FREE provisional driving license

Course length: 6 months  
including 2 days per week in centre & 3 days at your work experience placement

Benefits not affected by enrolling  
£50 bursary each month for 85%+ attendance  
Travel costs covered (tickets/receipts required)

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Young People aged 16-25

Do you need help finding work? Have you got ambitions, but you don't know how to follow them? Are you not sure where to start to find opportunities to boost your CV and connect you to local employers? Give us a shout – we're trying a new approach to helping you find your path. Building Connections is made possible by UK Youth and Coca-Cola Europacific Partners (CCEP).

To start your journey email Anna Sharkey from the Bentswood Hub at [anna.sharkey@sussexcyp.org.uk](mailto:anna.sharkey@sussexcyp.org.uk)

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Local Offer

The West Sussex Local Offer helps you find information about local services, support and events for children and young people aged 0 - 25 years who have special educational needs or disabilities (SEND). For more info click [here](#).

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